

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501
OFFERED BY MR. LATHAM

Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE _____—DRUG DEALER**
2 **LIABILITY**

3 **SEC. ____.** **FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DRUG DEALER**
4 **LIABILITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of the Controlled Sub-
6 stances Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 521. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DRUG DEALER**
8 **LIABILITY.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), any person who manufactures or distributes a con-
11 trolled substance in a felony violation of this title or title
12 III shall be liable in a civil action to any party harmed,
13 directly or indirectly, by the use of that controlled sub-
14 stance.

15 “(b) EXCEPTION.—An individual user of a controlled
16 substance may not bring or maintain an action under this
17 section unless the individual personally discloses to narcot-
18 ics enforcement authorities all of the information known
19 to the individual regarding all that individual’s sources of
20 illegal controlled substances.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Con-
3 trol Act of 1970 is amended by inserting after the time
4 relating to section 520 the following new item:

“Sec. 521. Federal cause of action for drug dealer liability.”.